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## REACHED THE TIME.

There is a limit to all things. Merchants place a limit on a man's credit. Banks place a limit on loans to individual or corporation. This is the predicament that the common council of the city of Astoria is facing today. Time and time again the Astorian has called the attention of the council to what it has termed "reckless extravagance," but the common council has paid no attention to it, simply because the Astorian is a republican paper and the majority of the common council belong to the citizens party, which has dominated politics in Astoria for the past ten years.

The time has now come when the common council must pay some attention to the statement heretofore published. They must do what they have refused to do, "economize." The city has reached its limit of indebtedness. It was not because gambling has been stopped and they are deprived of the revenues derived from that source, because they have already reached the limit and gambling fines would not be due. The Astorian does not contend that there has been any grafting, on the contrary we believe that every member of the council and every man connected with the city government is honest. They are among our best citizens and there would be no inducement for them to be otherwise, but they have not studied economy. They have raised salaries, without making provisions for the payment thereof. They have employed extra men to superintend the construction of streets, wholly illegal, which has cost the city not less than \$2000 a year. There have been too many soft jobs with the city surveyor, the payroll for last month amounting to \$255 and it has seldom been less than this amount.

They have improved streets where the assessment has not been sufficient to pay the cost of the improvement and the balance has had to be paid out of the general fund. They now see the error of their ways and have recently decided that they will improve no more streets unless the assessment will cover the cost of the improvement. They have permitted assessments for street improvements to run from one to three and four years, allowing the property owners to have the use of the city's money, and frequently have thrown off the penalty and interest when the property owner has an opportunity to sell his property and must pay the assessment in order to give a good title. There has been too much delay in passing the necessary ordinances for the collection of assessments.

Instead of reducing the city indebtedness and thereby reducing the interest, it has been steadily increased and the city is compelled to pay out a large amount of money in increased interest on warrants. It has not been owing to any intentional wrong, but to a lack of business judgment. They will spend nearly \$40,000 for a city hall when they could have bought a three-story brick building, lot and all, worth at any time \$40,000 for \$25,000 and \$2500 would have made it a better and more substantial city hall and in a better location than the present site and building. They evidently believed they were working in the interests of the people, but they lacked business judgment. Their intentions were good but they lack future discernment, which should actuate every business man, especially when he is handling the money belonging to the public.

By the time that the city hall is completed and the street improvements now under construction are paid for, they will have exceeded their limit of indebtedness, and when that time comes, the warrants of the city will be at a discount and the bankers will refuse to take them. In order to overcome this deficit and make up for this reckless extravagance the common

council must now devise ways and means of raising revenues, and that must be done by imposing additional burdens upon the now burdened tax payers. In other words the merchants and tax payers must make up the money paid out to political pets; the increase in salaries, and the improvement of streets for the benefit of a few property owners, whose property is not assessed sufficient to pay the cost of the improvement.

Admitting that the loss of \$7000 from gambling fines, and nickel-in-the-slot licenses, which is the highest amount that could be collected for the remaining nine months of the year, even then the city would have reached its limit of indebtedness, and had the practice of continuing the collection of these fines and licenses, the common council would not have been brought face to face with the present financial condition of the city, and they would not have realized the necessity of a curtailment of expenses and the lopping off of supernumeraries employed by the council to perform work, that the superintendent of streets is paid a salary for performing. It is a condition, not a theory that confronts the common council, and the business community and property owners must suffer for their direction.

## APPLIES TO ASTORIA.

The Butte Inter Mountain publishes the following, which is applicable to Astoria, although not in connection with banks, but with those who cannot afford to lose the money, especially when it belongs to someone else.

"I saw other men speculating and thought I could do the same thing and win. When I was first approached on the subject of speculation I told those who spoke to me that I would not engage in speculation. I abhorred the idea of gambling, and I wish to God that I had not done it."

So in the agony of contrition spoke a man who risked and lost the money of the defunct Citizens' bank of Lorain, O. Its cashier on a good salary, with a life position probable and enjoying the respect of the community, he sacrificed his honor and the happiness and comfort of his wife and children to gratify a passion for gambling. He has turned over all including the roof over the head of his dependents, but it will go only a little way toward making good his speculations and not only those dear to him, but hundreds whom he did not know will suffer for his sins. Of all the inspections needed, inspections of cashiers appear to be needed most. The percent of such officials who dip into the coffers entrusted to their care appears to grow greater steadily.

## BOOM BUSINESS.

"If there is any chance to boom business, boom it. Don't pull a long face and look as though you had a sour stomach. Hold up your hands, smile and look for better things. Hide your little hammer, and try to speak well of others, no matter how small you really know yourself to be. When a stranger drops in, jolly him, tell him this is the greatest town on earth, and it is. Don't discourage him by speaking ill of your neighbors. Lead him to believe that he has at last struck a place where white people live. Don't knock."

Help yourself along by becoming popular, and push your friends with you. It's dead easy. Be a good fellow, and soon you will have a procession of followers. No man ever helped himself knocking other people down in character or business. No man ever got rich by trying to make others believe he was the only man in town who knew anything. You can't climb the ladder of success by treading on other people's corns. Keep off the corns and don't knock."

## OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

Epitome of Anecdotes and Incidents  
With Comments By a Layman.  
It would be too bad if the city had to file a petition in bankruptcy.

The New Jersey legislature is afflicted with professional lobbyists and they have sent a delegation to Missouri to confer with Governor Folk as to the means employed in that state for eradicating the evil. Why not chloroform them?

The New York board of health is alarmed at the increase in deaths and the consequent reduction of the democratic majority in that city, and is going to take a census to find out where they are at. It's like locking the stable after the horse has been stolen.

Jim Jeffries sustains Dr. Osler in a measure by declaring that no pugilist is any good after he is 40. All right; chloroform them.—Memphis Commercial.

The Tacoma city bacteriologist as-

cribes much of the sickness in Tacoma to bad milk and unsanitary water. And if the Tacoma dairymen mix the bad milk and with the bad water there is a bad mixture, sure enough. Either alone is bad enough.

The war department has determined to introduce jin-jitsu at West Point for the purpose of hardening the students. So they have decided to abandon the old tobacco treatment?

With Secretary Hay in Europe and President Roosevelt away for an outing in Texas and Colorado the stories about the peace negotiations between Russia and Japan via Uncle Sam lack verisimilitude.

Col. Bryan is denouncing the tainted money of Mr. Rockefeller. Now, how about the money of Mr. Richard Croker. Mr. August Belmont and those other patriots who voted for Mr. Bryan in 1900?

President Wilson of Princeton says prayer is the proper remedy for the trusts. But Kansas will not listen, and insists that it will try the indictment method.

It is now announced officially that Uncle Sam is to act as trustee in bankruptcy for San Domingo. Having recovered from the operations of Cassio Chadwick, Uncle Sam has certainly qualified as an expert.

"I think your new bonnet will suit you perfectly, dear," said her husband.

"Why, how do you know? You haven't seen it."

"No, but I've seen the bill, and that doesn't suit me. Hence my conclusion."—Philadelphia Ledger.

Fashionable Tailor—Go front at once. Two young men there after suits.

New Man (whispering)—I'm waiting on a millionaire.

"Leave him and attend to the clerks. These millionaires don't buy new clothes once in five years. A clerk is good for a fresh suit every three months."

## RUN DOWN AND NERVOUS

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"Many people right here in Astoria are all run down, hardly able to drag about, don't know what ails them. This condition is probably caused by a cold or cough, which is hard to cure, overwork or too close confinement to business. Such people need Vinol," said Mr. Chas. Rogers, and the following letter is only one of many which we are constantly receiving showing what Vinol will do.

Mrs. W. T. Burns of Memphis, Tenn. who is national press correspondent of the W. R. C. writes: "Last winter I caught a severe cold which it seemed impossible for me to get rid of. I became much run down, lost my appetite and flesh and felt nervous and irritable. Vinol was recommended, and it certainly worked wonders for me; it increased my appetite, cured my indigestion and nervousness, and I sleep soundly. I consider Vinol a wonderful remedy."

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## FISHING TACKLE

SEE THE SHOW  
WINDOW.

## J. N. GRIFFIN

The Tired Traveler  
is ever happy to find a comfortable stopping place. Where to put up is the prevalent question after a long journey. You can solve the problem in Astoria by going to the

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